

Docket No.: 050203-0149

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 31824
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Kiminobu HIRATA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 4387
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Application No.: 10/576,720	:	Group Art Unit: 3748
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Filed: December 13, 2006	:	Examiner: Binh Q. Tran
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For: ENGINE CONTROL APPARATUS	:	
AND ENGINE OPERATING	:	
METHOD	:	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action dated July 10, 2008, the period for reply having been extended by one month from October 10, 2008, to November 10, 2008.

The claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.